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Letter dated 31 December 2012 from the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2048 (2012) concerning Guinea-Bissau addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith the report of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2048 (2012) concerning Guinea-Bissau covering the Committee's activities during the period from 18 May to 31 December 2012 (see annex). The report is being submitted in accordance with the note by the President of the Council of 29 March 1995 (S/1995/234).

(*Signed*) Mohammed **Loulichki**
Chair
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resolution 2048 (2012) concerning Guinea-Bissau

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Annex

Report of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2048 (2012) concerning Guinea-Bissau

I. Introduction

1. The present report of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2048 (2012) concerning Guinea-Bissau covers the period from 18 May to 31 December 2012.

2. For 2012, the Bureau of the Committee consisted of Mohammed Loulichki (Morocco) as Chair.

II. Background

3. The Security Council, by its resolution 2048 (2012) of 18 May 2012, imposed travel restrictions on five designated individuals, with immediate effect.

4. By paragraph 9 of its resolution 2048 (2012), the Council established the Committee to undertake the following tasks: (a) to monitor implementation of the measures imposed in paragraph 4 of the resolution; (b) to designate those individuals subject to the measures imposed by paragraph 4 of the resolution and to consider requests for exemptions in accordance with paragraph 5 of the resolution; (c) to establish such guidelines as may be necessary to facilitate the implementation of the measures imposed in the resolution; (d) to report within 30 days to the Security Council on its work for the first report and thereafter to report as deemed necessary by the Committee; (e) to encourage a dialogue between the Committee and interested Member States and international, regional and subregional organizations, in particular those in the region, including by inviting representatives of such States or organizations to meet with the Committee to discuss implementation of the measures; (f) to seek from all States and international, regional and subregional organizations whatever information it may consider useful regarding the actions taken by them to implement effectively the measures imposed; and (g) to examine and take appropriate action on information regarding alleged violations or non-compliance with the measures contained in the resolution.

III. Summary of the activities of the Committee

5. Since its establishment, the Committee has held two informal consultations, on 2 July and 7 December 2012.

6. On 28 June 2012, the Committee issued a note verbale to all Member States outlining key elements of Security Council resolution 2048 (2012) and reminding them to report to the Committee on the implementation of paragraph 4 of the resolution regarding the travel ban within 120 days of the adoption of the resolution. During the reporting period, the Committee received 16 reports from Member States pursuant to paragraph 10 of resolution 2048 (2012) (see appendix).

7. On 29 June 2012, the Committee adopted a consolidated list of individuals subject to the travel ban. The list contained the same elements as the annex to

resolution 2048 (2012), but was presented in a different format in order to facilitate the work of the Committee.

8. On 2 July 2012, the Committee held its first informal consultations, during which the Chair presented the Committee's draft guidelines for the conduct of its work. Also during the consultations, the Committee decided to reorder its consolidated travel ban list so that the names of the listed individuals appeared in alphabetical order, to make the list more practicable and user-friendly. In addition, the Committee continued to perform its duties through bilateral consultations and the no-objection procedure envisioned in paragraph 4 (d) of the guidelines for the conduct of its work.

9. On 18 July 2012, the Committee approved the designation of six additional individuals as subject to the travel ban imposed by paragraph 4 of resolution 2048 (2012), and issued a note verbale to all Member States on these additional designations on 20 July 2012. At the end of the reporting period, 11 individuals were designated as subject to the travel ban.

10. On 19 July 2012, the Committee adopted the guidelines for the conduct of its work, in accordance with paragraph 9 (c) of resolution 2048 (2012).

11. On 7 December 2012, the Committee held its second informal consultations, during which it received a briefing by the Special Representative of the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) regarding the usage of the INTERPOL-United Nations Security Council Special Notice. The Committee agreed to cooperate with INTERPOL on issuing special notices for the individuals named in the consolidated travel ban list.

IV. Violations and alleged violations of the sanctions regime

12. On 18 September 2012, after an alleged violation of the travel ban concerning one listed individual had been reported by various sources, the Committee wrote to two Member States to seek clarification. Those Member States responded to the Committee confirming the violation. One Member State affirmed that it had taken the necessary measures to ensure that no such incident would reoccur. The other Member State regretted the incident, which had resulted from a dysfunction at the immigration services, and reiterated its constant commitment to respect the resolutions of the Security Council.

V. Observations and conclusions

13. Primary responsibility for implementation of the measures imposed by the Security Council rests with Member States. For its part, in facilitating and monitoring the implementation of the relevant measures, the Committee has greatly appreciated the information and support provided by Member States and other sources, which have proved useful in deciding upon appropriate actions. The Committee remains committed to discharging its mandate as effectively and as efficiently as possible.

Appendix

Reports received pursuant to paragraph 10 of Security Council resolution 2048 (2012)

Member State	*Document symbol*	*Date of communication*
Argentina	S/AC.54/2012/5	27 August 2012
Brazil	S/AC.54/2012/11	17 September 2012
Bulgaria	S/AC.54/2012/14	2 October 2012
Estonia	S/AC.54/2012/2	2 August 2012
France	S/AC.54/2012/15	3 October 2012
Germany	S/AC.54/2012/1	23 July 2012
Guatemala	S/AC.54/2012/8	14 September 2012
Japan	S/AC.54/2012/4	21 August 2012
Latvia	S/AC.54/2012/3	8 August 2012
Lithuania	S/AC.54/2012/16	17 December 2012
Morocco	S/AC.54/2012/12	14 September 2012
New Zealand	S/AC.54/2012/10	17 September 2012
Portugal	S/AC.54/2012/7	12 September 2012
Switzerland	S/AC.54/2012/6	11 September 2012
United Kingdom	S/AC.54/2012/9	31 August 2012
United States	S/AC.54/2012/13	1 October 2012